# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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RAILWAY BRIDGES ON GANGA RIVER IN BIHAR
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether railway bridges are being constructed under a mega project in Patna and Munger respectively on the river Ganga in Bihar;

(b) If so, whether the pace of construction of both the railway bridges is very slow and the possibilities of completion of the construction work within the stipulated period are very bleak;

(c) If so, the funds sanctioned for these bridges so far; and

(d) The time by which these bridges are likely to be completed?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) : Rail-cum-Road bridges at Patna and at Munger are under construction.

(b) to (d) : On both these rail-cum-road bridges various activities related to land acquisition, earthwork, bridges on the approaches etc. have been taken up. The sub-structure works of the main bridge have also been taken up. However, the progress is lagging behind with respect to the original time schedule due to various reasons. An expenditure of Rs.131.10 crore has been incurred up to 31.3.2006 on Munger bridge and an outlay of Rs.120 crore has been provided for the work during 2006-07. On bridge near Patna, an expenditure of Rs.235.29 crore has been incurred up to 31.3.2006 and an outlay of Rs.120 crore has been provided for the work during 2006-07. These bridges may get completed in a period of about 4 years depending upon overall availability of resources.